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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO ( 92-1519 )

DATE: 6/10/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FRANCIS CURRY  
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On 6/9/69, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Both advised they had been asked [REDACTED] to determine [REDACTED] association with [REDACTED] racketeering activities. Neither knew the [REDACTED] and both stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Both stated they [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## CHICAGO CRIME COMMISSION

79 West Monroe Street

CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS

APPROVED BY THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

June 27, 1955

### SUMMARY

Re: Francis J. Curry  
516 S. Western Ave.  
Joliet, Illinois

### SYNOPSIS:

The subject, FRANCIS J. CURRY, is a gambler, hoodlum and racketeer who is an important member of the Guzik-Accardo-Ricca organization alleged to be a right-hand for Ricca. Along with FRANKIE LaPORTE, EMERY and JOHN ROBERTS he controls all mob interests for the south section of the State along the line drawn from Rockford to Blue Island to Michigan City and south to the state line. Subject owns several handbooks, slot machine routes and juke box routes of his own. He is the mobs spokesman for the unions in that territory including bartenders and waitresses, teamsters, laborers, retail clerks, electricians and wholesale (warehouse) food handlers.

During the period of the Trans America News Service he was an important cog in setting up the network in this part of the country operating both as top man in the Joliet area and sales representative in the Louisville area. CURRY was a suspect in the slaying of LEAH KELLY former slot machine and juke box king in the Joliet area and subject's rise and importance dates from that incident. During Paul Ricca's sojourn in the federal penitentiary, resulting from his conviction in the movie extortion case, subject managed Ricca's 1103 acre farm in Lisbon, Illinois.

His father was a small time gambler who died a natural death and he had 2 brothers who were in bootlegging and gambling on a small scale operation with the subject. Both brothers were found dead in a wrecked automobile and the coroner found 2 bullet holes in one of them. CURRY came into power immediately following the death of the Kelly brothers who previously had a monopoly in the slot machine and juke box operations in the Joliet area.

He is married [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. and Mrs. Curry live in a \$50,000 home at 516 S. Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois and have a winter home at 5801 LaGerce Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Curry also has a cabana at the Hotel Martinique in Miami Beach, Florida. Known aliases are "slim" and "the thin man".

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Memorandum dated August 21, 1946 states that [redacted]

[redacted] In a raid conducted on August 16, 1946 in Room 237 a teletype machine No. 12799 was found and it was determined that this machine was rented by Midwest News Service.

[redacted] Clinton News Service. The room itself was rented by FRANCIS CURRY and the conclusion was drawn that FRANCIS CURRY was the Clinton News Service.

Memorandum dated August 27, 1946 alleges that the subject [redacted] were implicated in the kidnapping of a racketeer in Atlanta, Georgia several years ago.

An article contained in News Week under date of January 13, 1947 consists mostly of information which is duplicated in other files with exception of the following excerpt which states that during 1946 and 1947 FRANCIS CURRY was sales manager for the Trans America News Service in Louisville, Kentucky and the surrounding area.

Memorandum dated August 22, 1947 advises that PAUL DeLUCIA aka PAUL RICCA is the owner of a farm off Kendall County near Lisbon, Illinois twenty-four miles west of Joliet. This farm consists of 1103 acres purchased in 1942 for approximately \$180,000 cash in a deal which was handled by FRANCIS CURRY of Joliet who brought DeLUCIA [redacted]

[redacted] The deed for the property is in the name of PAUL DeLUCIA [redacted] FRANCIS CURRY operated the farm while DeLUCIA was in the federal penitentiary.

An excerpt from a Tribune clip dated September 24, 1947 reveals that FRANCIS J. CURRY at 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, controls the racing news service from Chicago to Louisville since the death of Ragon in 1946.

An American news clip dated February 7, 1948 reveals that subject's wife is [redacted]

A picture of the subject FRANCIS J. CURRY appears in the Sun-Times issue of February 26, 1948.

The following information is extracted and digested from a News article by Lahey under date of March 10, 1948 from Washington, D.C. During the hearings conducted by a Congressional investigating committee regarding the federal paroles of the movie extortion gang FRANCIS J. CURRY testified that he rented RICCA's farm and rents or owns 4 other farms. He further states that he owns a \$50,000 home in Joliet, a handbook in Lockport which is [redacted] and is engaged in a news service company, the Trans America, operates slot machines and juke boxes.

Extracted from an American news clip dated May 28, 1948 is the information that CURRY opened handbooks in Steger, Illinois and Crete, Illinois

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A picture of the subject appears in the American of January 25, 1949.

Under date of July 21, 1949 there are numerous listings of telephone calls from TONY GOEBELS (Ricci) to members in Chicago and other parts of the country. One of these is a phone call from Goebels' residence in Brooklyn to FRANCIS CURRY at Wabash 4400 on July 6, 1947.

Memorandum under date of June 12, 1950 states that [redacted] is an associate of FRANCIS CURRY is handling the slot machines for CURRY in the Joliet area and that FRANKIE LA PORTE has the taverns and juke boxes.

Memorandum under date of October 6, 1950 advises that the subject's car is seen weekly at the LaSalle County Court House in LaSalle, Illinois where gambling is controlled [redacted]

Memorandum under date of March 13, 1953 advises that very reliable source of information believes the description given of the gunman who killed LEAH KELLY fits FRANCIS CURRY.

An extraction from an American news clip dated July 16, 1953 names FRANCIS CURRY as the No. 2 man to JAMES EMERY (Ambirato)

Memorandum dated May 18, 1954 indicates that the subject has owned a home in Miami Beach since 1950 (address unknown) and rents or owns a cabana at the Hotel Martinique in Miami Beach.

A memorandum dated October 7, 1954 advises that FRANCIS J. CURRY who took care of Ricca's farm while Ricca was in the federal penitentiary is the son of a small time gambler who died a natural death. He had two brothers who were small time bootleggers and gamblers with the subject. Both brothers died in an automobile accident and the coroner found 2 bullet holes in one of them. The subject who has 2 known aliases, "Slim" and "the thin man" became strong in Kendall and Will Counties when he took over rackets formerly held by the Kelly brothers who were eliminated by assassins. As a result CURRY then controlled the slot machines and juke boxes along with the bartenders, waitresses, teamsters, laborers, retail clerks, wholesale food (warehouse) handlers and electricians unions. CURRY [redacted]

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June 13, 1969

SUMMARY

RE: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

A previous Summary of information concerning the above was prepared under date of 6/27/55. Additional information relating to the above named subject, as revealed by the files of the Chicago Crime Commission, is as follows:

In a Sun clip of 9/24/47 Francis J. Curry was one of the persons who advised the U. S. Parole Board that Paul Ricca was worthy of rehabilitation and should be paroled.

In a Tribune clip of 2/26/48 Francis J. Curry appeared before the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago concerning the Paul Ricca et al paroles.

In a News clip of 3/10/48 Francis Curry testified before the Congressional Committee inquiring into the paroles of Paul Ricca, et al, and testified that he had a 10% of 12% interest in a partnership with Frank La Porte in a business placing juke boxes in southern Cook County and in eastern Will County.

In a memorandum of 12/6/50 it is indicated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

In a memorandum of 4/2/52 information was to the effect that everything in rackets at the south end of the County of Cook, including Blue Island was controlled by Frank La Porte and Francis Curry.

In a memorandum of 5/18/54 information was to the effect that Francis Curry owns his own home at Miami Beach and rents a cabana at the Hotel Martinique at Miami Beach.

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In a letter dated 6/16/55 from the Miami Crime Commission to the Chicago Crime Commission it is stated that Francis Jerome Curry has been residing at 5801 La Gorce Drive, Miami Beach.

In a report of 6/27/55 a Summary was prepared regarding Francis Curry and copies thereof are being forwarded to the FBI and the Chicago Police Intelligence with this report and the general report on the [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] the lawn party at the home of Tony Accardo on 7/4/56 a car registered to [redacted] was observed. [redacted]

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In a Tribune clip of 2/23/57 Francis J. Curry was subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Grand Jury at Chicago which was investigating the income tax case of Paul Ricca. Curry had operated Ricca's farm in Kendall County, Illinois while Ricca was in the penitentiary.

In a News clip of 5/5/58 eight men from Chicago area were named in the Department of Justice list of 100 top hoodlums in the U. S. and Francis Curry is named as the Will County juke box and pinball king.

In a News clip of 1/10/59 the special Federal Grand Jury was to probe the syndicate and on the list for investigation is Francis Curry, the Will County slot machine king.

In a memorandum of 11/29/60 information was to the effect that on 11/26/60 a fashionable ball was held for the benefit of the Children's Guild at the home of Francis J. Curry in Joliet, [redacted]  
[redacted] 100 invitations were sent the best families in the area and they attended.

In a Sun Times clip [redacted] Francis Curry is pictured by photographers while attending the wedding [redacted]

In a Tribune clip of 9/25/61 the Chicago syndicate crap game was found at the J and J Picnic grounds on Illinois #7 just west of the Cook County line in Will County. [redacted] allegedly Francis Curry was cut in on the game in order to have it operate in Will County.

In a letter of 2/8/62 from the Miami police to the Chicago Crime Commission the name of Francis Curry is listed among hoodlums from other parts of the U. S. who have gone to Florida and he is listed as living at 5801 La Gorce Drive, Miami Beach. The police stated they had the criminal information and background on the persons listed.

In a letter from the Miami police dated 6/3/63 to the Chicago Crime Commission it was indicated that Francis Curry was again living in Florida at the address listed the year before.

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In a police report of 9/26/63 w/F Mike Spranze it was indicated that Francis Curry was observed at the wake with other hoodlums.

In an American clip of [redacted]  
was to marry [redacted] with the reception to be held at [redacted] downtown Joliet.

In a Sun Times clip of 6/7/64 reporting the wedding of [redacted] it is stated that many Chicago area hoodlums were present. The fete after the wedding was arranged by Francis Curry and [redacted] The 63 year old Curry had been arrested only three times in his long career as a boot-legger and gambling boss. His police record is missing in the records of the Joliet police department and in the office of the Sheriff of Will County the records indicated a 1920 arrest for disorderly conduct and an arrest in 1925 and 1927 for beer running. He was acquitted in each case. Only once in the past 40 years had he bungled an assignment from the Chicago mob and that happened in 1946 when he went to Louisville, Ky., to take over a bookie wire service and was promptly chased out by the police.

[redacted] Francis Curry was  
observed at the reception at the Villa Venice with other hoodlums.

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In a Tribune clip of 5/20/66 it is stated that spearheading the mob attack on the vending machine business in Kane County are Charles English and Francis Curry, boss of the Will County rackets.

In a News clip of 2/14/67 Will County racketeer Francis Curry was subpoenaed to appear before the Illinois Crime Investigating Committee regarding juke boxes and vending machines.

In a Tribune clip of 3/18/68 Francis Curry, Will County racket boss is reportedly aligned with Charles English to establish a beachhead in a bid for the riches of a payroll that will total millions of dollars as a new steel-making complex takes form in the river valley near Hennepin Putnam counties. In neighboring communities lottery jars were frequently found.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Chicago

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

DATE: June 19, 1969

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)  
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R  
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## Dates of Contact

5-13-69 5-26-69 6-19-69

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

SSA  
Francis Curry, AR

92-1519

## Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

Info furnished by PCI on 5-13-69 was submitted in memo form, with copy for PCI's file & original for substantive file

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On 6-19-69, PCI advised that he had determined from his sources

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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, CHICAGO [redacted]

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6/30/69, 7/3/69

NARCOTICS MATTERS  
FRANCIS CURRY

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[redacted] well known to local authorities are engaged in the sale of narcotics in the Joliet area. In addition, the [redacted] which is presently located at [redacted] near Joliet, Illinois is engaged in illegal narcotics traffic and teen age drinking.

Source advised that [redacted] Joliet, Illinois doing big business in booking the races. Also bets being handled at [redacted] downtown Joliet. Big action at [redacted] and drop off point was the [redacted] until hit by [redacted] PD.

92- 1519 Informant advised he has not heard of any activities of CURRY, but heard [redacted] Illinois.

[redacted] Informant advised [redacted] not known to him, but [redacted] reportedly with [redacted] is known to him. [redacted] Joliet, Illinois and informant advised he will attempt to determine whereabouts of [redacted]

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Source advised [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO ( 92-1519 ) -P-

DATE: 7/24/69

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

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Remymemo, dated 6/10/69.

On 7/24/69,

Illinois State Police, Joliet, Illinois advised

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REPORTING OFFICE

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN

CHICAGO

DATE

9/24/69

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD

6/9 - 9/19/69

TITLE OF CASE

FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

REPORT MADE BY

SA [REDACTED]

TYPED BY

GRT

CHARACTER OF CASE

AR

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/31/69, at Chicago.

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[REDACTED] Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Joliet, Illinois, made available to SA [REDACTED] records of toll calls made to or from subject's phones, from the period [REDACTED] These were furnished by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

subject

For information Charlotte and Cleveland, [REDACTED] has been the reputed rackets boss in Will County, Illinois, for a period of years. However, in recent years his activities have declined, because of poor health.

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## LEADS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				[ ] NONE		ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [ ] YES [ ] NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [ ] NO

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

COPIES MADE:

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*As per Chicago*  
[REDACTED]

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.

Notations

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CLEVELAND

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO. Contact appropriate sources to determine their knowledge of any travel to Cleveland, by subject, during June or July, 1969. It should be noted that phone calls were placed from [ ] Ohio, to the CURRY residence, on [ ]. Through appropriate sources, attempt to determine if CURRY made any contacts with known elements LCN, Cleveland area.

CHARLOTTE

[ ] NORTH CAROLINA. Same lead as that set for Cleveland, noting collect phone calls were made from [ ] to the CURRY residence, in Joliet, Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will at the Secretary of States Office attempt to determine owner of the Cooperative Music Company, 1718 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois, and the Valley Amusement Company, Aurora, Illinois.

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[ ] ILLINOIS. Will locate and identify subscriber to telephone [ ]. Check office indices and conduct credit and identification checks, feasible in an effort to determine if subscribers have any hoodlum connections.

CHICAGO

AT AURORA, ILLINOIS. Will through appropriate sources determine all available data, concerning Valley Music Company.

AT CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS. Will through appropriate sources obtain all available data, concerning Cooperative Music Company, 1718 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 1. Will identify subscribers to the following numbers and area code [ ]

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When subscribers have been identified, check office indices, and conduct credit and identification checks, in an effort to determine if subscribers have any hoodlum connections.

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2. Will contact

Valley Music Company, Aurora, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 9/24/69

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1519

Bureau File #: 92-1369

Title: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Registration of subject's vehicle determined. Subject's credit status, at Will County Credit Bureau, Joliet, Illinois, set out. Details of payments of outstanding debt at local Joliet, Illinois, department store set forth. Status of subject's water bill set forth. Record of toll calls to or from subject's phone, during period [REDACTED] set forth. Sources of information in Joliet, Illinois, unable to furnish information, on subject's activities, and indicate he continues to have a serious health problem.

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DETAILS:

On June 9, 1969, [REDACTED]  
Joliet, Illinois, and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Joliet, Illinois, both  
advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised that they have been asked by [redacted] to determine [redacted] association with [redacted]. Neither knew [redacted] and both stated their [redacted] to the best of their knowledge is [redacted]. Both advised they [redacted].

On June 19, 1969, [redacted] advised that he had information that [redacted]

On July 15, 1969, [redacted] Joliet Police Department, Joliet, Illinois, advised he had determined that FRANCIS CURRY is presently using a 1969 Buick, which bears 1969 Illinois license CF2077. [redacted] stated that he had determined this license is registered to the Cooperative Music Company, 1718 South Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

On August 15, 1969, [redacted] Will County Credit Bureau, advised a review of her files indicate that FRANCIS CURRY is the subject of a civil suit number W68M2BM-611, filed October 28, 1968, by AL BASKIN, for goods and merchandise, in the amount of \$505.28. She stated this matter was being handled by [redacted] an Attorney, who represents AL BASKIN. She stated that her files reflected no further information, concerning CURRY.

On August 22, 1969, [redacted] AL BASKIN's, Ottawa and Cass Streets, Joliet, Illinois, advised that his firm had accepted a cashier's check, in the latter part of February, 1969, from the subject, which paid the account in full. [redacted] that the account, at the time payment was made, was in the amount of \$843.17 and represented charges [redacted] stated that

acknowledgement of payment was made [redacted] AL BASKIN's, in a letter dated March 1, 1961. In the letter, [redacted] advised CURRY he had called his bluff and that his firm had indeed used "guts", in dealing with CURRY. [redacted] stated that his firm would no longer extend any of the CURRYs

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On August 25, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On September 19, 1969, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] city of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois, advised that his office did nothing, concerning a letter written January 3, 1969, by the bookkeeper, 516 Western, Joliet, Illinois, which is the residence of the subject. He stated that the city had no intention of reducing the subject's water bill. [REDACTED] stated that a review of their records indicated that the subject's water bill was current, for the first time in many years.

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On September 19, 1969, the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Joliet, Illinois, as reviewed, revealed the following toll calls, during the period [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to or from the subject's home phone:

Date

Number Called

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Date

Number Called

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The following sources of information have been contacted, in Joliet, Illinois, area, and have been unable to provide any additional information, on the subject:

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The above sources still report the subject has a serious health problem, which is believed to be cancer, and his activity is very limited, if not non-existent.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519) (RUC)

DATE: 10/14/69

FROM :

SAC, CHARLOTTE (92-544) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR

Rerep of SA [ ] 9/24/69, Chicago.

Referenced report sets forth a lead to contact appropriate sources to determine knowledge of subject's travel to Cleveland during June or July, 1969, noting that collect telephone calls were made from [ ] on [ ] to subject's residence in Joliet, Illinois.

It is noted that the toll calls charged to subject's phone indicates that calls were made from [ ] on [ ] and [ ] however, no telephone number was noted.

The Chicago Office is requested to contact the Illinois Bell Telephone Company at Joliet, Ill., and review the toll tickets in order to obtain the account code appearing on the toll call ticket for collect calls in order that this account can be traced through the telephone company records at [ ]

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In the absence of identifying data and background of subject, it does not appear that logical inquiries can be made by the [ ] Division.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Springfield, Illinois

On October 6, 1952, an investigation was begun in Springfield in a case entitled [redacted] The application submitted by [redacted] listed his employment as [redacted]

A review of this file reflects [redacted] description as follows:

Race  
Sex  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
  
Social Security Account  
Number  
Education  
Military

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The Springfield file contains extensive background data [ ] concerning his previous employments, addresses, and his family.

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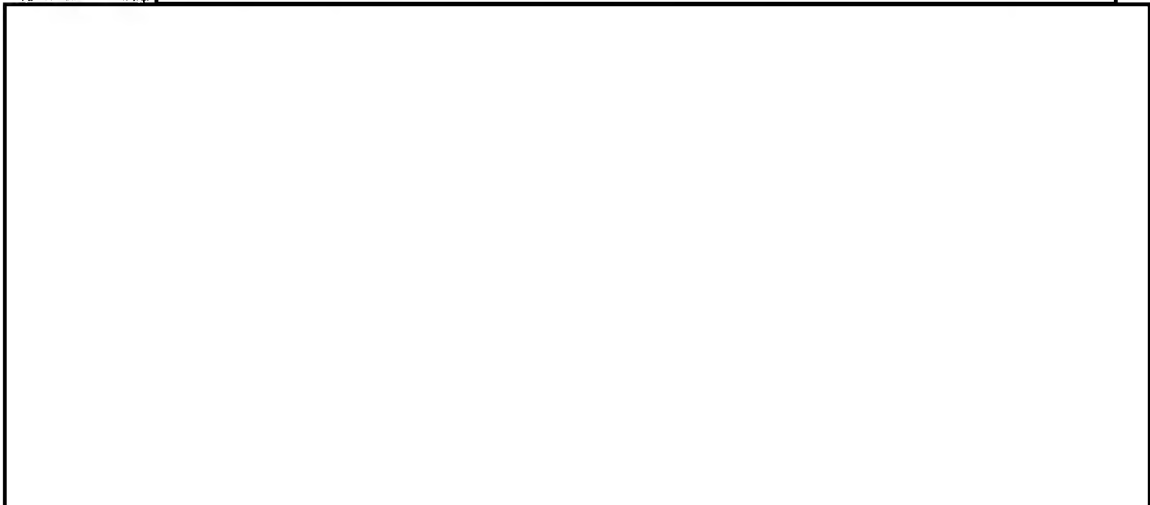
The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

At Kewanee, Illinois

The 1969 Kewanee, Illinois City Directory revealed  
that telephone number [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

[redacted] and that telephone  
number 883-3361 is listed to the Kewanee Public Hospital,  
Kewanee, Illinois.

On October 1, 1969, [redacted]  
Kewanee, Illinois Credit Bureau, stated they have had a  
file on [redacted]



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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on October 2, 1968:

At Springfield, Illinois

[redacted] Corporation Records, Secretary of State, advised his department has no record of a corporation on Cooperative Music Company, 1718 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois, or Valley Amusement Company, Aurora, Illinois.

[redacted] noted he has two references for Valley Music Company, I c., Aurora, Illinois, under Box 3695, #858, and Box 3681, #482. He advised these corporations are now dissolved and their records would be located in the State Archives, Springfield.

[redacted] State Archives, Springfield, furnished the two records of Valley Music Company, I c. The files contained the following information:

Box 3695, #314858 is listed to Valley Music Company, Inc., 157 North Farnsworth Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. This corporation was incorporated May 9, 1957 and dissolved June 8, 1966. The office was previously located at 184 North Farnsworth, Aurora, Illinois. Incorporators were listed as follows:

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B. WILLIAM POSS, President

MARJORIE POSS

BERNARD N. POSS

A notation was made in this file of inventory equipment and stock not traded of [redacted] Valley Vending Company, Aurora, Illinois, was purchased by this corporation.

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Box 3061, #251482 was assigned to Valley Music Company, Inc., no address given. This company was incorporated May 1, 1948 and dissolved December 21, 1948. Incorporators were listed as BERNARD K. POSS, MARJORIE POSS, and JOHN P. FIDLER, with address listed as 1820 Liberty Street, Aurora, Illinois, for all, (possibly business address of corporation). The purpose of this corporation was described as "to buy or sell or rent musical and amusement equipment and to own, operate, rent or sell coin operated amusement devices."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

DATE: 10/16/69

FROM:  SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-639) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago report of SA  dated 9/24/69.

Enclosed for Chicago are nine copies each of 3  
investigative inserts reflecting investigation at Kewanee, Illinois  
and Springfield, Illinois.

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②-Chicago (92-1519) (Enc. 27)  
1-Springfield (92-639)  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519) (P)

DATE: 11/5/69

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FRANCIS CURRY  
AR

OO: CHICAGO

On 10/28/69, [REDACTED] furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had determined subject no longer active in the Joliet area, because of his ill health. However, he advised subject [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This firm deals with the distribution of "juke boxes" in Kane County, Illinois, and also does a good business by "piping in," to various business establishments. According to source, this enterprise is legitimate and to the best of his knowledge, [REDACTED] is not affiliated with anyone, other than he was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition, [REDACTED] have also been selling and leasing pool tables, as a side business, connected with the Valley Music Company.

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Source stated that any juke boxes, in Will County, are still controlled by the Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, which FRANCIS CURRY was formerly associated with. Source stated FRANCIS CURRY reportedly has a cancer condition, which limits his activities.

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(1 - [REDACTED])

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(3) [REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

DATE: 11/20/69

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

AR

OO: CHICAGO

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/24/69,  
at Chicago.

The Cooperative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, is owned and operated by FRANK LA PORTE in partnership with several other Chicago Heights hoodlums. The actual business of this company is conducted [REDACTED] Extensive information has been developed concerning the Cooperative Music Co. and is set forth in Chicago file 92-920.

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*kdj*

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*[Handwritten signature]*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

FROM : *Cus* SAC, CLEVELAND (92-1282) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR  
OO: Chicago

DATE: 11-25-69

Rerep of SA [ ] 9-24-69, at Chicago.

Recent contacts by SA [ ] with [ ] disclosed that the persons contacted know nothing about subject or any activity with which subject may be involved in Cleveland.

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No further investigation contemplated at Cleveland.

- ② - Chicago (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago [redacted]

DATE: 11/25/69

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

☐

Dates of Contact

10/17/69, 11/13, 24/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]

FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, AR

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Purpose and results of contact

- ☒ NEGATIVE  
☒ POSITIVE  
☐ STATISTIC

CI does not know above deserters, [redacted]  
[redacted] will attempt to obtain more information concerning  
[redacted] the Valley Music Company. CI said [redacted]  
[redacted] Valley Music but he does not  
recall all the details.

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☒ Informant certified that he has  
furnished all information obtained  
by him since last contact.

Rating  
Excellent

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TO: SAC, MIAMI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR  
OO: CG

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For information of Miami, CURRY has been the reputed rackets boss in Will County, Illinois, for a number of years. However, in recent years his activities have declined because of poor health.

On 12/1/69, [redacted] Joliet PD, Joliet, Illinois, advised he had received an inquiry from [redacted]

[redacted] Miami, Florida. [redacted] advised his office was currently conducting an investigation concerning CURRY [redacted] 5801 Lagorce Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. In this connection, the Joliet PD was requested to furnish all available background concerning CURRY. CURRY's local address is 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois.

Miami is requested to contact [redacted] and develop any information concerning CURRY, as well as, attempt to determine if CURRY contemplates permanent residence in Florida.

✓  
2 - Miami  
2 - Florida  
② - Chicago  
JCW/amr  
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[redacted]

*[Signature]*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>12/4/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/20 - 12/1/69</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FRANCIS JEROME CURRY</b>		REPORT MADE BY  SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY  mmc
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 9/24/69, at Chicago.  
 Charlotte letter to Chicago dated 10/14/69.  
 Springfield letter to Chicago dated 10/16/69.  
 Cleveland letter to Chicago dated 11/25/69.  
 Chicago airtel to Miami dated 12/1/69.

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## LEADS

### MIAMI

**AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. 1. Contact**

re any information he has concerning CURRY's residence in Florida.

2. Attempt to determine if CURRY anticipates full time residence in Florida..

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Accomplishments - none

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE  
 COPIES MADE: VV

- 3 - Bureau (92-1369)
- 1 - USA, Chicago
- 2 - Miami
- ④ - Chicago (92-1519)

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 Dissemination Record

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Request Recd.					
Date Fwd.					
How Fwd.					
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Pending over one year - no  
 Pending prosecution - no  
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AT AURORA, ILLINOIS. Will through appropriate sources, obtain all available data concerning Valley Music Company, which was located at 157 or 164 North Fransworth Avenue, Aurora.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will identify subscribers to telephone numbers [ ] as requested in re report and conduct appropriate credit, indices and identification checks, to determine if these subscribers have any hoodlum connection.

2. Will contact officials at [ ] as requested in referenced report.

AT JOLIET, ILLINOIS. Will through appropriate sources, attempt to determine if CURRY anticipates permanent residence in Florida.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted period of investigation exceeds 45 days. This was done so that results of investigation in other offices could be included in this report.

INFORMANTS

T-1 is [ ] T-2 is [ ] T-3 is [ ]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: December 4, 1969

Office: Chicago, Illinois

Field Office File #: 92-1519

Bureau File #: 92-1369

Title: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Synopsis: Results of investigation at Springfield, Illinois, concerning [redacted] set forth. Results of investigation at Springfield, Illinois, concerning Valley Music Company, Aurora, Illinois, and Co-Operative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, set forth. Results of investigation to determine subscribers to telephone numbers [redacted] and [redacted] Illinois, set forth. Results of investigation at [redacted] North Carolina, negative, concerning CURRY. T-3 advised CURRY no longer active in Joliet, Illinois area because of ill health. Sources established [redacted] in apparent legitimate enterprise. Results at Cleveland negative concerning CURRY. Co-Operative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, owned and operated by FRANK LA PORTE with business conducted by FRANK FRANZE. Joliet PD advised CURRY has established residence at 5801 Lagorce Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated October 14, 1969, the Charlotte Office advised that inasmuch as account code numbers are not available on calls made from [redacted] North Carolina, [redacted] no trace could be made for the call and its location in the [redacted] area could not be determined.

On November 5, 1969, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had determined CURRY is no longer active in the Joliet area because of ill health. However, he advised subject [redacted]

[redacted]  
Aurora, Illinois. This firm deals with the distribution of "jute boxes" at Kane County, Illinois, and does a good business by "piping in" music to various business establishments. According to T-3, this enterprise is legitimate and to the best of his knowledge [redacted] is not affiliated with anyone [redacted]

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In addition, [redacted] have also been selling and leasing pool tables, as a side business connected with the Valley Music Company.

T-3 further stated that all jute boxes in Will County are still controlled by the Co-Operative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, which concern FRANCIS CURRY was formerly associated with. T-3 stated FRANCIS CURRY reportedly has a cancer ailment which limits his activities.

On November 20, 1969, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] [redacted] advised the Co-Operative Music Company, 1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, is owned and operated by FRANK LA PORTE, in partnership with several other Chicago Heights hoodlums. The actual business of the company is conducted by FRANK FRANZE.



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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [REDACTED], at Cleveland, Ohio:

Recent contacts with T-1 and T-2 disclosed  
that they know nothing about CURRY or any activities  
with which CURRY may be involved in Cleveland.

On December 1, 1969, [REDACTED]  
Joliet, Illinois Police Department (PD), advised his  
department was in receipt of a letter from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In this letter [REDACTED] advised his department was con-  
ducting an investigation concerning CURRY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] whose local Miami address is 5801 Lagorce Drive,  
Miami Beach. The Joliet PD was requested to furnish  
any background information concerning CURRY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

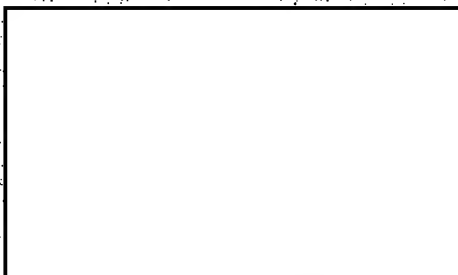
TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
Attention: [REDACTED] Joliet

DATE: December 29, 1969

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FRANCIS D. CORREY

A public service operator of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company furnished the following telephone numbers to SA [REDACTED] on December 22, 1969:



755-1207  
SANTI CIPRIANI (grocery)  
1037 Dixie Highway

799-5151  
Dunning's Market  
18676 Dixie Highway  
Homewood, Illinois

898-4122  
Valley Music Company Inc.  
Valley Vending Service  
157 North Farnsworth  
Aurora, Illinois

755-4684  
Cooperative Music  
728 Halsted  
Chicago Heights, Illinois

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② - Chicago  
JHB/CLH  
(2) *cc*

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[REDACTED] GO [Signature]



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Indices searched submitted on above names and companies. Investigation continuing.

Subject

Date 12/12

## Dunnings Market

## Aliases

Address 18676 Dixie Highway

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race	
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☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

☐ All References

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Subject

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### Aliases

Address. ✓

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex	
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☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

## ☐ All References

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VALLEY MUSIC COMPANY 3/66 92-924-552  
10/67 92-924-661

Aurora, Illinois

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92-924-552 CORRELATION MEMO (3/23/66)  
92-924-661 CORRELATION MEMO (10/4/67)

VALLEY MUSIC COMPANY 1-68 92-917-651 p1

Aurora, Illinois

VALLEY MUSIC 1-68 92-917-680

Jukebox Company

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Subject

Add

☐ Female

☒ Main Criminal (If no Main, list all Criminal References)

Remarks

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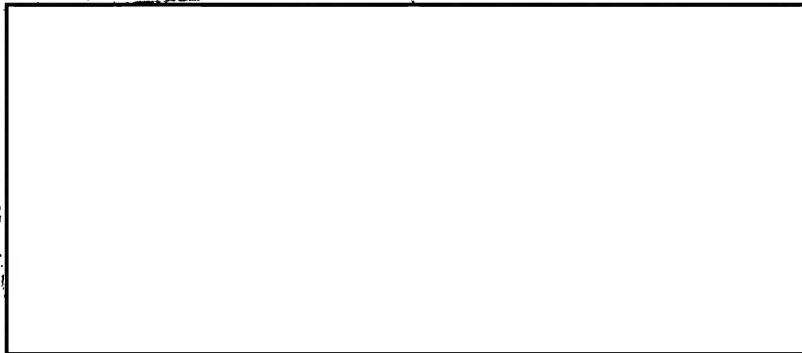
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Subject

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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☐ Female

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Subject

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## Aliases

Address

1728 Harbors & Heights

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☐ Female

☐ Exact Spelling

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COOPERATIVE MUSIC CO. 11-69 92-350-2322p2  
1728 Halsted, Chicago Heights CONTROL FILE

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1718 Halsted St. Cgo. Heights

COOPERATIVE MUSIC 2-65 92-350 Sub 1-93 p.2

COOPERATIVE MUSIC 1-64 92-1537-2 p.26

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COOPERATIVE MUSIC 6-62 92-920-249  
1728 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Ill.

*owned by* 6-62 92-345-1120p47  
*Frank LaPorte*

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COOPERATIVE MUSIC CO 7/68 92-1519-132-p.4  
1728 Halsted St., Cgo Hgths, Ill

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Chicago Hts., Ill.

CO-OPERATIVE MUSIC CO. 9-64 92-344-1297 p.38

1728 Halsted St.  
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1728 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights.

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COOPERATIVE MUSIC COMPANY

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(4-50) 62-3375-1855 p.202

(2-53) 62-3375-2529

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(1/54) 94-519-13 p.58

(12/54) 94-519-235-897

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COOPERATIVE MUSIC COMPANY 5-62 92-920-209  
OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILL.

CO-OPERATIVE MUSIC CO. OF WILL COUNTY

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COOPERATIVE MUSIC INC. 1/63 92-1173-43 P.7

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-1309) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, aka  
AR  
(OO:CHICAGO)

DATE: 1/20/70

Re report of SA [ ] dated 12/4/69, at  
Chicago.

[ ] (protect identity), [ ]  
[ ] advised SA [ ]  
[ ] that subject or any of his relatives  
have not been at their Miami residence for about two years.

[ ] the CURRY residence in  
Miami is badly in need of painting [ ]

It is to be noted that on recent checks made at the residence  
by SA [ ] the house appeared unlivd in and badly in need  
of repairs. [ ] stated that [ ]

[ ] advised SA [ ] on  
January 16, 1970, that he had no information that CURRY  
was contemplating moving to Florida in the near future.  
He said the reason that he had contacted the Joliet,  
Illinois, Police Department regarding CURRY was merely to  
bring his investigation up to date. [ ] could furnish  
no information concerning CURRY's activities.

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1 - Miami  
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(3)

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A I R T E L

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-639)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR  
(OO: CHICAGO)

For the information of Springfield, subject currently driving 1969 Buick, bearing 1969 Illinois license CF 2077. Car registered to Cooperative Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Subject resides at 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, and was born 12/11/02.

Springfield is requested to determine if there are any liens against subject's car and is requested to furnish subject's current operator's license number. If possible, attempt to determine subject's 1970 license if in file.

2 - Springfield  
② - Chicago

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, *Chicago* [redacted]DATE: *1-23-70*

FROM : SA [redacted]

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [redacted]

## Dates of Contact

*12-4-69, 12-24-69, 1/14, 23/70*

## Titles and File #s on which contacted

*Unsub.* [redacted]*Unsub.* [redacted]*Assigned to [redacted] [redacted]**FRANCIS JEROME CURRY, AR**92-1519-147*

## Purpose and results of contact

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*CI does not know a [redacted] answering description in 26-57229. Will attempt to obtain more information re [redacted]*

*CI has not seen much of FRANCIS CURRY but the last he knew [redacted]*

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

*Excellent*

Coverage

*92-1519-162*SERIALIZED *[initials]* FILED *[initials]*  
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FBI — CHICAGO*1. [redacted]*  
*92-1519**Post**(JOLIO)*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
Attn: SA [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/30/70

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/24/69.

On 1/23/70, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Aurora, Aurora, Ill., advised that the records of the Bureau reflect that the Valley Music Co., was first put in file 10/23/47 and the owner at that time was [REDACTED] and the business was owned solely by him with approximately six employees. There have been very few inquiries made concerning the business. The last inquiry having been made in July, 1967, by an investment company and the last up-to-date report in July, 1949. The last inquiry in 1967 was made by the Phillips 66 Petroleum Co. The file contains no further information.

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[REDACTED] advised on 1/23/70 that FRANK CURRY is no longer at the Valley Music Co., and the company

[REDACTED]

A FD 209 has been prepared concerning this informant report.

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Date: 2/4/70

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1539)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-639) -RUC-  
 SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
 AR  
 OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield 1/23/70.

Enclosed is one copy of Certificate of Title  
#D161114.

On 2/2/70, [redacted] Auto  
 Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield,  
 Illinois, advised 1969 Illinois license #CF2077 was issued  
 to Co-Operative Music Company, 1718 Halsted Street, Chicago  
 Heights, Illinois, for a 1969 Buick two-door sport coupe,  
 VIN 484579H165519. The auto registration receipt was signed  
 Co-Operative Music Company by FRANK FRANZE.

No 1970 license number was available for subject  
at this time.

2 - Chicago (92-1539)(Enc. 1)  
 1 - Springfield (92-639)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604  
February 6, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 92-1519

Title FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned  
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are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>FRANCIS JEROME CURRY</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>ear</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>			

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 12/4/69, at Chicago.  
Miami letter to Chicago dated 1/20/70.  
Chicago airtel to Springfield dated 1/23/70.

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SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will as set out in referenced airtel determine if subject's car has any lien against it and also determine subject's present driver's license number. If available and in file will furnish subject's 1970 registration information.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						None	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR   YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS   YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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AT AURORA, ILLINOIS. Will through appropriate sources, obtain all available data concerning the Valley Music Company, which was located at 157 or 164 North Farnsworth Avenue, Aurora.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will contact officials at [redacted] re any information, concerning [redacted]

INFORMANTS

CG T-1 [redacted]  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: 2/6/70

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1519

Bureau File #: 92-1369

Title: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subscribers to Chicago area telephone numbers called by subject identified. CG T-1 advised subject has not been in his Miami home for about 2 years and further advised that subject had been in Boston, Massachusetts, where he underwent a checkup, possibly for cancer. [redacted]  
[redacted] advised he has developed no information that subject is contemplating moving to Florida in the near future. Sources available Joliet, Illinois, report no activity of subject, who still continues to be in ill health.

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## DETAILS:

A public service operator of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised as follows, on December 12, 1969:

Telephone number [redacted] was listed to a [redacted]  
[redacted] This subscriber [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

Telephone number 755-1207, area code 312, is listed to the SANTI CIPRIANI Grocery Store, 1037 Dixie Highway, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

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Telephone number 799-5151, area code 312, is listed to DUNNING's Market, 18676 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Illinois.

Telephone number 898-4122, area code 312, is listed to the Valley Music Company, Inc., and Valley Vending Service, 157 North Farnsworth, Aurora, Illinois.

Telephone number 755-4684, area code 312, is listed to the Cooperative Music Company, 728 Halsted, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Chicago files contain no information, concerning CIPRIANI's Grocery, or DUNNING's Market. However, both of these stores are known for their speciality grocery products. DUNNING's Market is well known for its high quality meats, in south suburban area of Chicago, and CIPRIANI's is known for its high quality grocery and speciality products.

Chicago files contain numerous references to the Valley Music Company, Inc., and Cooperative Music Company. Much of this information has previously been set forth.

There are numerous references to [redacted] however, no specific references to [redacted] at the address listed to telephone number [redacted] or telephone number [redacted]

On 1/15/70, CG T-1 advised that the subject or any of his relatives have not been at their Miami residence for about 2 years. CG T-1 further stated that [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] the subject [redacted]  
he had undergone a checkup, possibly for cancer. At that [redacted]  
[redacted]

CG T-1 stated that the CURRY residence in Miami is badly in need of painting [redacted]  
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On 1/16/70, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had no information that CURRY was contemplating moving to Florida in the near future. [REDACTED] could furnish no subsequent information concerning CURRY's activities.

On 1/5/70 and 1/27/70, [REDACTED] Joliet Police Department, Joliet, Illinois, advised he has developed no information which would indicate subject is contemplating a permanent move to Miami, Florida. In addition, he stated that he is not aware of any activities of the subject, at the present time. [REDACTED] stated that he continues to hear reports the subject is suffering from some type of ailment, which is possibly cancer.

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On 1/13/70, [REDACTED] Will County Sheriff's Office, Joliet, Illinois, advised he has developed no information concerning the subject's activities in the Joliet area, as well as in the Will County area.

# Hobby and heirloom show planned Feb. 17 by CWL

A hobby and heirloom show will highlight the Feb. 17 meeting of the Catholic Woman's League planned for 1:30 p.m. in the Elks' ballroom.

Plans for the day were finalized when members of the art department met recently in the Spanish room of the Elks' ballroom under the direction of Miss Ann Dando, chairman, and Mrs. B. F. Muentnich, co-chairman.

Guest artist for the afternoon will be Mrs. Francis Curry, a member of the League. A talented artist in her own right, Mrs. Curry will display some of her

antiques, hobbies and heirlooms and give a brief history on their origins.

Mrs. Curry conducted classes on ceramics and china painting for the Senior Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church for seven years, and also taught classes in millinery and floral creations.

Miss Dando requests that each member enter her own baby picture in a "Guess Who" contest. Pictures are to be brought to the Elks on Feb. 11. Prizes will be awarded the day of the show.

A gourmet bar will also be set up featuring homemade breads, jams, jellies, relishes, etc., and each will be accompanied by a recipe for its making.

Members are requested to have their baby pictures, heirlooms and foodstuffs in the Elks' ballroom at least one hour before meeting time. The name of the exhibitor and a brief history is to be attached to each display. Members are requested to indicate if articles are for sale. Guests are welcome.

Serving on the refreshments committee with Mrs. Charles Lennon as chairman are Miss Catherine Adler and the Mesdames Joseph L. Adler, H. Forest Beach, Thomas A. Driscoll, Henry P. Frisch, Martin P. Haley, Richard Hill, Robert Kelly, Elmer J. Luehrs, John H. Martin, Harry McDowell, Thomas Mulligan, C. E. Rogers and Michael Stephens.

Coffee service will be under the direction of Mrs. James A. Fleming, chairman, assisted by Miss Nell Gibbons and the Mesdames Raymond Breen, Frank Jeffery, Thomas J. Martin, Jerry Richardson, E. N. Walsh, W. W. Werner and Albert Yackley.

Side tables are the responsibility of Mrs. Walter Eich, chairman, and her committee composed of the Mesdames Elmer Boucher, Joseph L. Becker, Lawrence Eich, Eugene Funk, Edward Zobel, Owen Horrigan, Philip Kretz, Albert Naal and Richard Riley.

Mrs. Joseph N. Grzetich is in charge of decorations, assisted by the Mesdames William Gahan, Albert Kinson, James Maher, John Minzing, John Torkar, Clarence Naal, John O'Connor, Thomas O'Hare, Joseph Peyla and John O'Hare.

Pourers will be chosen by Mrs. B. F. Muentnich.



Mrs. Francis Curry  
(Matthews photo)

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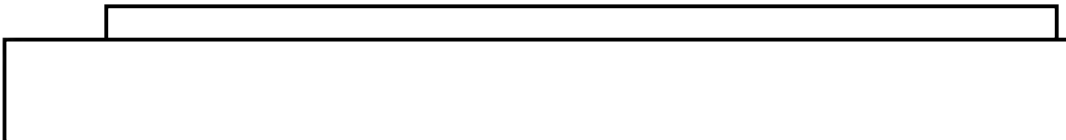
Francis J. Curry,  
Joliet, Illinois

Information was received recently by the Chicago Strike Force to the effect that Francis J. Curry of Joliet, may have had some business transactions [redacted]

I talked to [redacted] on March 5, 1970, at which time he stated that he was attempting to locate Francis J. Curry [redacted]

I talked to [redacted] on March 5 and 6, 1970. He stated that he is [redacted]

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Co-op. Trucking Company, consisting of Frank La Porte, Frank Bompensiero, Francis J. Curry, [redacted] Frank Franze (La Porte's brother-in-law), [redacted]

Co-op. Truck Leasing Company, consisting of Frank La Porte, Frank Bompensiero, [redacted] Francis J. Curry [redacted]

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These companies borrowed [redacted]

[redacted] to buy equipment. [redacted]

After a few months, the California construction companies stopped making the lease payments and the local partnerships ceased making the mortgage payments [redacted]

[redacted] The bank repossessed the equipment and sold it, suffering a loss [redacted]

[redacted] attempting to investigate these transactions, and he issued a summons to Frank La Porte. LaPorte came in, accompanied by attorney [redacted] and claimed his privilege under the Fifth Amendment.

[redacted] attempted to locate Francis J. Curry to interrogate him regarding these transactions. [redacted]

[redacted] Francis Curry was going to take the Fifth Amendment.

As a matter of information, [redacted]

[redacted] has not encountered [redacted] name anywhere in his investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

DATE: 3/10/70

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-639) - RUC -

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR

OO: Chicago

Re Chicago report of SA [ ] dated 2/6/70.

< The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [ ]

On 2/24/70 [ ] Illinois Drivers License Division, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, advised that no current driver's license could be found for FRANCIS JEROME CURRY; however, an expired license was found and the information is as follows:

NAME	FRANCIS J. CURRY
ADDRESS	516 Western Avenue Joliet, Illinois
DRIVER'S LICENSE #	C600-2500-2352
EXPIRED	12/11/69
SOCIAL SECURITY #	361-32-1451
SEX	Male
HEIGHT	6'
WEIGHT	157
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Blue
DOB	12/11/02

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## TRAFFIC OFFENSES

6/21/67 - Improper lane usage and  
turn at intersection - no employ-  
ment shown - no fine shown  
10/24/68 - Speeding (76 in 60)  
\$15 fine, \$5 costs.

On 3/9/70 [ ] Illinois State Automobile Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, advised there was no car registered to FRANCIS JEROME CURRY.

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1969 Illinois tag number CF2077 is registered to Co-Operative Music Company, 1718 Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1969 Buick, VIN 484579H165519.

Title Certificate Number D161-114 evidences a lien dated 12/31/68 to GMAC, 101 N. Springfield, Joliet, Illinois, on the above-mentioned automobile for \$5,478.30. The date title was issued is 1/30/69.

There is no 1970 license (Illinois) in file to date for above-mentioned Buick. [redacted] advised tag numbers would show in file approximately three weeks after purchase. >

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/6/70,  
at Chicago.  
Springfield airtel to Chicago dated 2/4/70.  
Springfield letter to Chicago dated 3/10/70.

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1. Will identify person to whom 1970 Illinois  
License [redacted] was issued.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					NONE RECOVERIES	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
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2. Will, at the Secretary of State's Office, develop all background info re Co-Op Trucking Company, and the Co-op Truck Leasing Company, reportedly owned by subject, FRANK LA PORTE, and others.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

1. Will maintain contact with Intelligence Division, IRS, re their investigation of subject and FRANK LA PORTE.

2. Will review records [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] which loan was defaulted and caused IRS investigation of subject and LA PORTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted the investigative period precludes report of 2/6/70. This was necessary in order to include investigation conducted on 1/23/70, 1/29/70, and 2/2/70.

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INFORMANTS

CG T-1 [redacted]

CG T-2 [redacted]  
[redacted]

CG T-3 is SA [redacted]  
[redacted]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 3/24/70

Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 92-1519

Bureau File #: 92-1369

Title: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Investigation at Aurora, Illinois, concerning Valley  
Music Company set forth. CG T-1 advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Records Springfield, Ill.;  
revealed 1969 Illinois License CF 2077 issued to Cooperative b6  
Music Company, Chicago Heights, Illinois, on 1969 Buick. b7C  
Review of Drivers License Division, Secretary of State's b7D  
Office, Springfield, Ill., reveal subject has no current  
driver's license and is not the registered owner of any  
vehicle. Investigation indicates subject may be driving  
1969 Buick with 1970 Ill. License SN 7547. CG T-2 reports  
subject, FRANK LA PORTE, and others reported partners  
in the Co-op Trucking Company, and the Co-op Truck Leasing  
Company. CG T-2 further advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

On January 23, 1970, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Aurora, Aurora, Illinois, advised that the records of the bureau reflect that the Valley Music Company was first put in file October 23, 1947, and the owner at that time was [redacted] and the business was owned solely by him with approximately six employees. There have been very few inquiries made concerning the business. The last inquiry having been made in July, 1967, by an investment company and the last up-to-date report in July, 1949. The last inquiry in 1967 was made by the Phillips 66 Petroleum Company. The file contains no further information.

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On January 23, 1970, CG T-1 advised that FRANK CURRY is no longer at the Valley Music Company [redacted]

[redacted]

On February 2, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] Auto Registration Section, Secretary of  
State, Springfield, Illinois, advised 1969 Illinois  
License CF 2077 was issued to Co-Operative Music Company,  
1718 Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois, for a  
1969 Buick two-door sport coupe, Vehicle Identification  
Number 484579H165519. The auto registration receipt was  
signed Co-Operative Music Company by FRANK FRANZE.

No 1970 License number was available for  
subject at this time.

On March 6, 1970, CG T-3 advised subject [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

On February 24, 1970, [redacted]  
Illinois Drivers License Division, Secretary of State's  
Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised that no current  
driver's license could be found for FRANCIS JEROME CURRY;  
however, an expired license was found and the information  
is as follows:

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Name	FRANCIS J. CURRY
Address	516 Western Avenue
Driver's License #	C600-2500-2352
Expired	December 11, 1969
Social Security #	361-32-1451
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	157
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Date of birth	December 11, 1902
Traffic offenses	6/21/67 - Improper lane usage and turn at intersection - no employment shown - no fine shown 10/24/68 - Speeding (76 in 60) \$15 fine, \$5 costs.

On March 9, 1970, [redacted]  
Illinois State Automobile Registration Section, Secretary  
of State's Office, Springfield, advised there was no car  
registered to FRANCIS JEROME CURRY.

CG 92-1519

1969 Illinois tag number CF 2077 is registered to Co-Operative Music Company, 1718 Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1969 Buick, Vehicle Identification Number 484579H165519.

Title Certificate Number D161-114 evidences a lien dated December 31, 1968, to GMAC, 101 North Springfield, Joliet, Illinois, on the above mentioned automobile for \$5,478.30. The date title was issued is January 30, 1969.

There is no 1970 license (Illinois) in file to date for above mentioned Buick. [redacted] advised tag numbers would show in file approximately three weeks after purchase.

On March 10, 1970, investigation in the vicinity 516 Western Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, which is subject's legal residence, determined subject may be driving a 1969 Buick Electra, two-door coupe, bearing 1970 Illinois License [redacted] This vehicle was observed in the CURRY driveway.

On March 10, 1970, CG T-2 advised information was recently received that subject may have had some business transactions [redacted]

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CG T-2 further advised that [redacted]

Co-op. Trucking Company, consisting of FRANK  
LA PORTE, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, FRANCIS J. CURRY,

[redacted]  
[redacted] FRANK FRANZE (LA PORTE's brother-in-law), [redacted]

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Co-op. Truck Leasing Company, consisting  
of FRANK LA PORTE, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FRANCIS J. CURRY,

According to CG T-2, these companies borrowed  
[REDACTED]  
to buy equipment. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

After a few months, the California construction  
companies stopped making lease payments and the local  
partnerships in Chicago ceased making mortgage payments  
[REDACTED] The bank repossessed the  
equipment and sold it, suffering a loss [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is attempting to attend these  
transactions and he issued a summons to FRANK LA PORTE.  
LA PORTE came in, accompanied by his attorney, and claimed  
his privilege under the Fifth Amendment. [REDACTED]  
attempted to locate FRANCIS J. CURRY to interrogate him  
regarding these transactions.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
CURRY would take the Fifth Amendment if called.

CG T-2 stated that he has determined [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In addition, he had advised [REDACTED]  
has not encountered [REDACTED] name anywhere in his  
investigation to date.

On March 19, 1970, [REDACTED]  
Joliet Police Department, Joliet, Illinois, advised he  
had information that subject had ordered three 1970  
Cadillacs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the Chicago area.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Chicago, Illinois  
March 26, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 92-1519

Title FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted] at Chicago, dated and captioned as above.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-1369)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

FRANCIS J. CURRY, AKA. AR. OO: CHICAGO.

AS BUREAU AWARE CURRY HAS BEEN UPPER ECHELON LEADER ORGANIZED  
CRIME CHICAGO WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR JOLIET, ILLINOIS, WHOSE  
CAREER DATES BACK TO AL CAPONE ERA.

ON MAY FIVE LAST CURRY EXPIRED ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, JOLIET,  
AFTER HAVING BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL MAY TWO LAST WITH HISTORY  
OF HEART TROUBLE AND CANCER.

CURRY TO BE WAKED AT TEZAK FUNERAL HOME, JOLIET, MAY SIX AND  
SEVEN, BURIED ST. OLIVET CEMETERY, JOLIET, MAY EIGHT NEXT.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NUMEROUS LEADERS AND PROMINENT  
MEMBERS ORGANIZED CRIME CHICAGO AREA WILL ATTEND WAKE AND FUNERAL.

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**FRANCIS J. CURRY**

Francis J. Curry, 67, of 516 Western Ave., a lifelong resident of Joliet, died Tuesday (May 5, 1970) at Saint Joseph Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Curry was the son of the late Robert E. and Alice McCraney Curry. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Robert and Hubert.

Mr. Curry was a member of the St. Joseph Baptist KSKJ Lodge 143 and the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral of St. Raymond.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Zalar; a son, Robert J. of Joliet; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Mary Alice) Carney of Kewanee; three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday from the Tezak Funeral Home to the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus for a requiem Mass at noon.

Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

The family suggested contributions to a medical memorial scholarship fund.

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LEGAL ADDRESS <b>1728 Halsted Street</b>				CITY	
CITY OR TOWN <b>Chicago Heights</b>		ILL. <b>60411</b>		ZIP CODE	
VEHICLE SERIAL OR IDENTIFICATION NO. <b>484579H165519</b>		COUNTY <b>Cook</b>		TOWNSHIP <b>Elaon</b>	
YEAR <b>69</b>	NAME OF CAR <b>Buick</b>	BODY STYLE <b>2Dr. Cpe</b>	NO. CYL <b>8</b>	HORSE POWER <b>56.11</b>	
OWNER(S) DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER <i>Raymond Edward</i>			OWNER(S) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>-</b>		
WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF OWNER(S) <b>Co-Operative Music Company</b>					

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YOU MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

ARE YOUR LICENSE PLATES NOW SUSPENDED OR REVOKED? <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		WHAT STATE DID YOU REGISTER VEHICLE IN 1969? <b>Illinois</b>
REGISTERED OWNER(S) DATE OF BIRTH: NO. DAY YEAR		REMARKS

YOU MUST ATTACH 1969 IDENTIFICATION CARD HERE

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF ABOVE VEHICLE DOES NOT HAVE ILLINOIS TITLE

A title application must accompany this application if Illinois title has not been issued in your name for this vehicle. If new vehicle, dealer must submit assigned Certificate of Origin. If used car send assigned title with these applications.

I (We) acquired the above described motor vehicle ☐ NEW ☒ USED

on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_  
(MONTH) (DAY) (BILL OF SALE, CONDITIONAL SALE, LEASE)

from \_\_\_\_\_  
Whose \_\_\_\_\_  
Address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (STATE)

When did you bring car to Illinois? If Certificate of Title has been issued in your name, show title number and issuing state.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL) *[Signature]*  
(NOTARY PUBLIC) (MAXIMUM FEE BY LAW 10 CENTS)

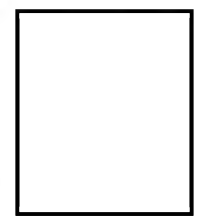
\$18.00 (\$30.00) \$

PASSENGER CAR APPLICATION Carrying Not More Than Ten Passengers

AD-1.10 STATE OF ILLINOIS PAUL POWELL SECRETARY OF STATE

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

DATE: 5/5/70

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-639) ~~RUC~~

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR

Re Chicago report of [redacted] dated  
3/26/70.

On 4/13/70, [redacted] Auto  
Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield,  
Illinois, provided the attached Xerox copy of the identity  
of the person to whom 1970 Illinois license [redacted] is  
issued.

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On 4/13/70, [redacted]  
Driver's License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield,  
Illinois, provided the following information:

Name	FRANK FRANZE
Address	1729 Cambridge Road Flossmoor, Illinois 60422 Cook County
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	155
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
DOB	8/25/18
Social Security	#329-07-6386
Illinois driver's license	#F652-2661-8242 Expires 8/25/72

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TITLE OF CASE  FRANCIS JEROME CURRY		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY mkn
		CHARACTER OF CASE  AR  b6 b7C	

REFERENCES: Report of SA  dated 3/26/70, at Chicago.  
Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 5/6/70.

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AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Discontinue.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>VV</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

1 - AIC, Chicago Field Office, [REDACTED]

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO

Date:

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Bureau File #: 92-1369

Title: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY

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Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: On 4/3/70, [REDACTED] Joliet Police Department, Joliet, Illinois, advised subject still in poor health and activities limited. On 4/24/70, [REDACTED] advised subject's health continues to be poor. Subject succumbed to heart seizure, St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, Illinois, on 5/5/70. Final services held and subject interred Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois, on 5/8/70.

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DETAILS:

On April 3, 1970, [REDACTED] Joliet Police Department, Joliet, Illinois, advised subject still in poor health and not presently active in any activities because of his condition.

On April 24, 1970, [REDACTED] stated subject's health continues to be poor and this causes his activities to be very restricted.

On May 5, 1970, [REDACTED] Joliet, Illinois, advised subject had been taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, Illinois, by ambulance on May 2, 1970. [REDACTED] advised subject died in the early afternoon, May 5, 1970.

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Inquiry at St. Joseph's Hospital, on May 5, 1970, revealed subject succumbed 2:55 p.m., May 5, 1970, from cardiac arrest.

Subject was waked at Tezak Funeral Home, Joliet, Illinois, May 6 - 7, 1970. Subject received requiem burial mass, St. Raymond's Cathedral, Joliet, Illinois, May 8, 1970, and his remains were interred Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois.

It is noted the only notable syndicate person in attendance at subject's funeral was his long-time associate and boss, FRANK LA PORTE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

DATE: 6/3/70

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-639)

- RUC -

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR

Re Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated 3/26/70.

On 5/12/70, [redacted] Corporate Records Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised that a check of their records was negative regarding Co-op Trucking Company and Co-op Truck Leasing Company.

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TO : SAC , CHICAGO [REDACTED]

DATE: JUL 23 1971

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

6/1, 6/15, and 7/13/71

Titles and File #s on which contacted

92-1360

92-2032

92-1160

92-2020

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

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CONSOLIDATED

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Informant, on July 13, 1971, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The big man  
[REDACTED] was FRANCIS CURRY.  
CURRY owned the Valley Music Company and the Valley  
Music Company had most of the juke business and slot  
machine business [REDACTED] Informant stated the  
[REDACTED] still controlled by  
the Chicago outfit. At the time CURRY was so powerful

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Informant stated he recently  
heard that [REDACTED]

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(Chicago files

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[Redacted]

FRANCIS CURRY

now deceased. /

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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TO : SAC, PHOENIX [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

OO:CHICAGO

DATE: OCT 3 1974

Re report of SA [REDACTED] at Chicago  
dated 9/23/74.

Enclosed for Phoenix Division and each designated  
Chicago file one copy of FD-302 dated September 26, 1974,  
regarding interview with captioned subject [REDACTED]

Copy of FD-302 being furnished for information  
purposes at this time.

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2 - Phoenix [REDACTED] (Enc. 1)

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Date: 11/9/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
FROM: *TWK* SAC, LOUISVILLE (92-433) (P)  
SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
ANTI-RACKETEERING  
OO: CG

On 10/29/74, [ ] advised SA [ ]  
that approximately one week prior to that time he was

[ ] Informant stated that from  
comments he has heard FRANCIS CURRY is dead. CURRY would  
now be over 70 years of age if alive.

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Chicago advise if FRANCIS CURRY is still alive

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(1 - [ ])  
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Special Agent in Charge

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TO:            SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
FROM:        SAC, LOUISVILLE (92-433) (P)  
SUBJECT:    FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
             ANTI-RACKETEERING  
  
OO: CG

[REDACTED]

On 10/29/74, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]  
that approximately one week prior to that time he was

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant stated that from  
comments he has heard FRANCIS CURRY is dead. CURRY would  
now be over 70 years of age if alive.

[REDACTED]

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Chicago advise if FRANCIS CURRY is still alive

[REDACTED]

② - Chicago (RM)  
3 - Louisville (2 - 92-433)  
   (1 - [REDACTED])  
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TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE (92-433)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)  
SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR  
(OO: CG)

Re Louisville airtel to Chicago dated 11/9/74.

Enclosed one copy of an FD 302 dated 9/24/74,  
regarding an interview with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

For information of the Louisville Division,  
FRANCIS CURRY, SR. also known as FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
died on 5/5/70, was the former alleged syndicate operative  
in the Will County - Joliet area. It is noted that  
FRANCIS, SR. was associated with the late FRANK LAPORTE,  
La Cosa Nostra (deceased).

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[REDACTED]

On 12/19/73, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Louisville is requested to forward to Chicago  
Division any information [redacted]  
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (92-1519)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, LOUISVILLE (92-433) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FRANCIS JEROME CURRY  
AR

DATE: 12/24/74

00: CHICAGO

Re Louisville airtel to Chicago, 11/9/74.  
Re Chicago airtel to Louisville, 11/25/74.

On November 18, 1974, [ ] advised SA [ ]

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On December 16, 1974, [ ] advised SA [ ]

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The informant stated that [ ]  
in connection with [ ] he would  
immediately advise [ ] any information  
which might come to his attention [ ] would  
be immediately reported.

Louisville will furnish Chicago any information concerning

[ ]

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2 - Louisville [ ]  
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*[Signature]*

